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SAVED FROM THE CANAL!

Here's a real-life story of three boys of West Bromwich, Staffordshire, who went for a walk and spotted trouble as they crossed a high canal bridge. One of them, Peter Baugh, tells the story.

JUST after three o'clock I was walking with my friends, Keith Bonas and Peter Smith, when we stopped to look over High Bridges, which crosses our local canal at a height of 100 feet. As we looked down, we saw directly below us a fisherman struggling to pull a small boy out of the canal with his rod.

Then I saw some ripples in the middle of the canal and realised that there was somebody else in the water. We jumped the fence and dashed

down the embankment to the tow-path. I hurriedly took off my shirt, trousers and pumps and dived in.

The water was dirty, muddy, and smelt unpleasant. It was also terribly cold. I couldn't see anything of the boy, so I decided to dive for him.

This seemed hopeless, because, as soon as I opened my eyes, the dirty water rushed in and they began to smart and sting, and I could not see a thing. So instead I felt about on the bottom of the canal.

After a while I touched something which I thought was some stringy material. I pulled it to the surface, and discovered I had grabbed a boy's head.

Peter and Keith helped me to get him on to the tow-path, and started to try to revive him while I got out of the canal. Keith was able to give him artificial respiration because he had learnt a bit about it in the Scouts.

It seemed like hours before anything happened, and we were very relieved when at last the boy started to cry.

Soon afterwards the Police and an ambulance arrived.

SHOUT IN THE NIGHT

"MAN Overboard" came the cry in the night as the P. & O. liner *Orcades* ploughed her way into the Channel, homeward bound from Australia.

While on duty in the early hours 17-year-old seaman Robert Child had fallen 40 feet from the deck into the sea.

Luckily an officer of the watch heard the splash and Robert's shout.

Marker buoys were fired, the great ship began to turn and before long searchlights picked out a distant head

rising and falling in the heavy seas.

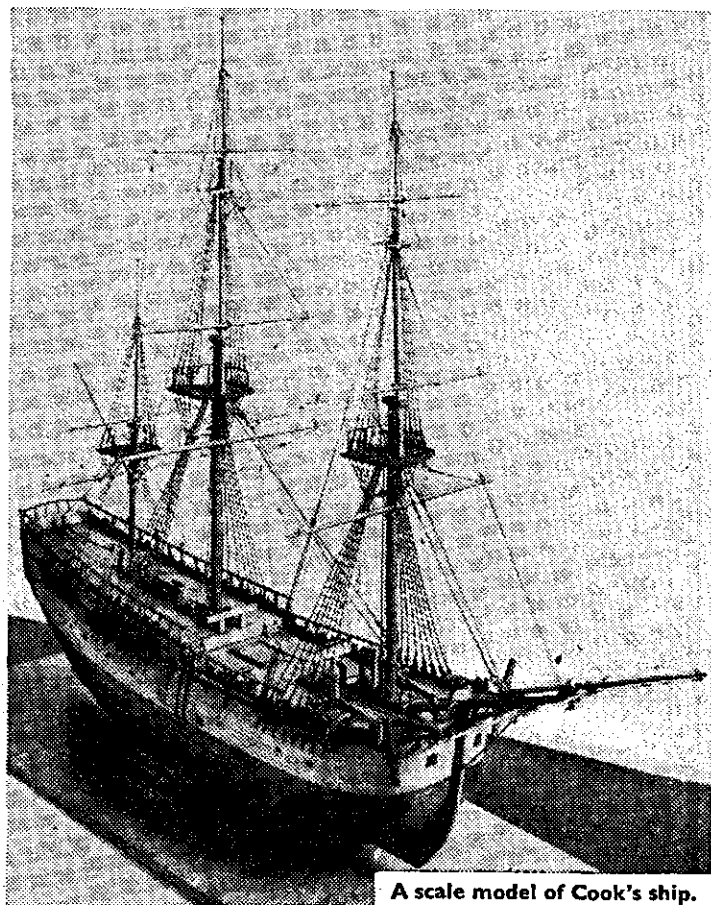
A boat was lowered and in little more than half an hour after hitting the water Robert was back on board—thanks to the skill of his captain who had turned the big ship at 19 knots in such short time.

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IN BRITAIN NOW



A NEW ENDEAVOUR?



A scale model of Cook's ship.

THREE Whitby boys, John Cook, David Peel and David Thomas, have made a model of HMS *Endeavour*, built at Whitby in 1768 and sailed from the Yorkshire port by Captain Cook on his famous voyage to Australia.

The boys have presented the model to the Town Council to help raise funds for building a replica of Cook's ship and sailing her to Australia in 1970, when the 200th anniversary of the great navigator's landing at Botany Bay will be celebrated.

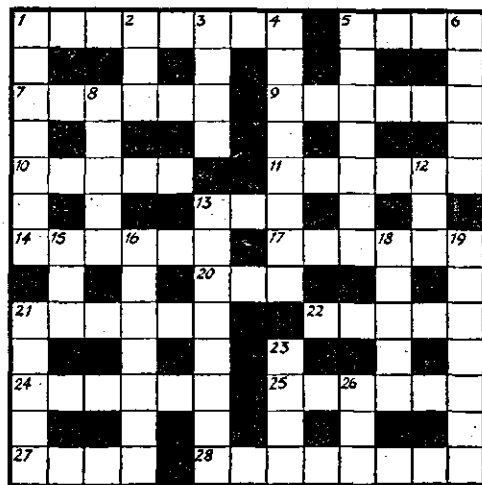
It is hoped that *Endeavour II* will be under Commander Alan Villiers, who sailed the *Mayflower II* across the Atlantic in 1957 to commemorate the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers to America.

Once she has reached Australia, *Endeavour II* will probably become a Cook Museum, and it would be of special interest to Australians if the new ship were built at Whitby, where the original vessel came from.

Plans of her still exist, and a local shipbuilding company, whose slipway is only 100 yards from the spot where the first *Endeavour* was launched, is confident that they can do the job.

Crossword puzzle

ACROSS: 1 Interrogate. 5 Droop. 7 In America it's the Fall. 9 Aim at this. 10 Juliet's lover. 11 Source. 13 Put on. 14 Paying guest. 17 Sudden. 20 To be ill. 21 Middling. 22 First letter of the Greek alphabet. 24 Equipment. 25 Fee. 27 Metal. 28 Mercy. DOWN: 1 To wrangle. 2 French coin. 3 Island off the Scottish coast. 4 Country-wide. 5 Brave soldier. 6 Giant God. 8 Shy. 12 Mischievous child. 13 Theatrical. 15 Single. 16 Imaginary animal, part eagle part lion. 18 Higher. 19 Calamity. 21 Native race in New Zealand. 23 This covers 4,840 square yards. 26 Expert.



Answer on page 12.

YANKEE FRANKY

An American boy from New York, Frank Ritter, who's spending a year at Wallasey Grammar School, Cheshire, under a pupil-exchange scheme, doesn't find that British people are reserved. "You can speak to anyone here," he says.

He likes our food, too, and says that Mrs. Stanley, mother of the boy in whose home he is staying, is a wonderful cook.

Frank is keen on baseball, basketball, and American football "back home," but he has tried rugby and has taken to it. He doesn't quite understand cricket yet, but intends to have a go at it. Golf is another of his games and he has joined a golf club.

He is glad Wallasey Grammar School isn't "co-ed," as it would be in his own country. He says that "girls in schools are apt to be distracting."

DARK SECRET

A black wedding cake was on show the other day at the International Bakers' and Confectioners' Exhibition in London.

Although it was highly commended by judges, the bakers concerned refused to talk about the cake, so how it was made and the ingredients used remain a dark secret.

It seems to me...

AN eleven-year-old boy who has written has on holiday picked up what he thought was a dummy shell. He kept it and took it back to London with him on a crowded train. After he'd got it home it was found to be "live" and in a dangerous condition.

Should you ever happen to find anything like this, please don't be so silly as this boy was. It's not brave or clever. Leave the object alone, and tell some responsible person about it as soon as possible.

OPINIONS on our "new" CN have been coming in, and most of them have been very forceful indeed. One reader said he was "shocked" when he first saw our new Laugh Time and Taming of the Shrew features, but it turned out that it had been a shock of pleasure rather than the reverse. He thought the old CN was a bit too serious—and perhaps he was right. Anyway, I'm very happy to report that almost everyone

IT was cold as I walked to the CN offices this morning, and I found myself wondering whether we may be going to have another hard winter.

If we do, those of us whose homes are heated by electricity are likely to have a chilly time again. New power stations and so on are being built, but the demand for electricity is increasing too. The Central Electricity Generating Board has stated in its annual report that the supply position this year won't be much different from last.

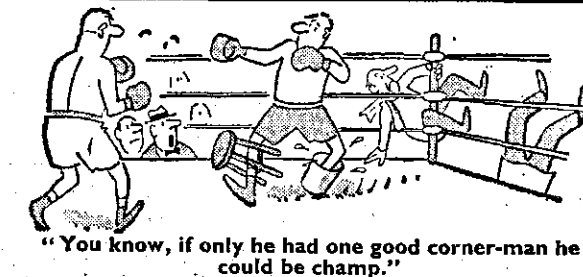
Why not tell your parents this, so that they can think about additional forms of heating! They might be very grateful to you if the thermometer does go down with a bump.

The Editor

LAUGH TIME



"Get your boots on, we're going for a walk!"



"You know, if only he had one good corner-man he could be champ."



"May I have my ball back, please?"

READERS' LETTERS

CRAZY MEASURES!

Dear Sir,—My sister Caroline and I walked from our home into the village yesterday and we measured the distance. It was 1 mile 7 furlongs 1 chain 2 yards 1 foot 3 inches to the bottom step of the post office. Outside the grocer's was a big truck with barrels on it. The driver told us one was a pipe, another a puncheon, one was a hoghead, two were firkins, three were pins, and somewhere up at the front was a kilderkin.

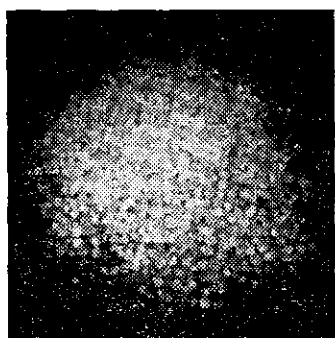
What with bushels and pecks, perches and rods, stones and quarters, pounds that don't have the same number of ounces, tons and tons of varying weights, and two kinds of miles, don't you think Lord Halsbury could give us decimal weights and measures?

We think it would be a very good thing if the Channel Tunnel was built, kept at a temperature of 16 C., marked off in kilometres, and the tolls paid in Crowns or Royals (10s.) and pennies (1s. 2d.).

We have quite enough to learn about physics, biology, French, German, algebra, and geometry, without these out-of-date and crazy measures.

I am 13 years old and I weigh 7 stone 3 pounds 1½ ounces.

Jonathan Byrne, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.



Alison's hailstones

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN!

Dear Sir,—I thought this photograph might be a puzzle for readers.

This year we spent a holiday in the centre of France and one day there was a terrific hailstorm. Some of the hailstones were as big as a penny in diameter!

We were only on the edge of the storm, because in a village nearby five people were killed and one caravan swept away. We were in a caravan just by a river, so we were glad the storm wasn't worse.

After the storm we went out into the field and collected a pile of hailstones, which I photographed.

Alison Shedden, Wembley, Middlesex.

ANY CHINA?

Dear Sir,—I have started to collect old pieces of china, and would like to enlarge my knowledge of this subject.

I began this hobby one day as I was walking through a cornfield after it had been reaped, and my eye caught a very abstract-looking piece of china. I took it home and studied the wonderful design it had on it.

I would like to know if any of your readers have such a hobby. Mary Lorimer, Millbrae, Auchenkiln, Condorrat, Glasgow.

LONGER SERIALS

Dear Sir,—I have read CN for a year now, and am very pleased with the books that you publish in serials.

I only wish that you would devote two pages to them.

Nicholas Skwarczewski (11), Oxford.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you on behalf of the Jamboree Youth Club. We meet every day of the week and have a members and friends meeting every Friday, when new members are enrolled. We now have 13 members.

Nigel Johnson, Tilbury, Essex.
Any other Youth Club news? Editor.



Cape St. Vincent lighthouse

PORTUGUESE HOLIDAY

Dear Sir,—I thought you might be interested to hear about the best holiday I have ever had.

I have just returned from Portugal where the sun shone brilliantly every day. At Cape St. Vincent, near where I was staying, is the famous lighthouse, of which I enclose a photograph. It has the most powerful beam in Europe.

It was here that Prince Henry of Portugal founded his famous school for navigators, and from here, in the 15th and 16th centuries, that the Portuguese made their voyages of discovery.

At the nearby Bay of Lagos (pronounced Largoosh) Nelson waited before the Battle of Cape St. Vincent.

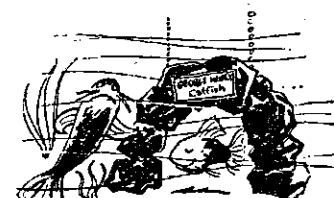
Robert Dorin, Eccleshall, Stafford.

GUS, GERTY, AND GEORGE HENRY

Dear Sir,—We have just restocked our tropical aquarium with fish. We have a pair of fantail guppies called Gus and Gerty, two neon-tetras, and a catfish called George Henry.

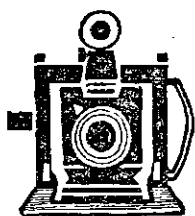
Our tetras are so dim-witted that we have to give the fish too much food, as the guppies eat it up before the tetras even see it. On the other hand George Henry is so lively that he shoots up to the top of the tank instead of staying still like a sober catfish.

At one time I read that catfish are very shy and like somewhere to hide, so I made George Henry a lovely cave of stones. This morning my mother, before switching on the light, looked at the fish. She saw Gerty floating



around and the tetras lying on the bottom. Thinking George Henry was in his cave and Gus was dead, she turned on the light and looked for Gus's corpse. To her surprise she saw Gus looking out of George Henry's cave, and George Henry outside looking very miserable.

Our fish are very young. Do you think they will behave properly as they grow older? Hugh Walcott, Epsom.



KNOW YOUR NEWS

By our Special Correspondent

NOT-SO-SWEET SUGAR REPUBLIC

THE Spanish-speaking Dominican Republic covers the larger part of Hispaniola, in the Caribbean Sea, and, like many countries these days, lives largely on American aid.

The three million Dominicans grow sugar, cocoa beans, coffee, and tobacco.

Their country is very unsettled politically. Their President, Senor Juan Bosch, was deposed and exiled last month, and it was only last February that he became the first freely-elected President of the Dominican Republic for 38 years.

President Bosch was a reformer—a novelist and writer, too. Far different was the man whose regime he hoped to reform—the tyrant Rafael Trujillo, the self-styled 'Benefactor.'

By bribes and a secret police force, Trujillo ruled as dictator of this Caribbean sugar republic—and in the process amassed a



The seaport-capital Ciudad Trujillo (Santo Domingo)

fortune—from 1930 until his assassination in May 1961.

Last year Senor Bosch returned from 25-years exile in the United States.

The first free elections since 1924 gave power to his Party of the Dominican Revolution and he set about wiping away all traces of Trujillo's despotic rule.

The name of the capital, Ciudad Trujillo (Trujillo City) was changed to Santo Domingo, which was first given to it by

Christopher Columbus when he discovered Hispaniola (Little Spain) in 1492.

Then President Bosch was overthrown by military supporters of the Trujillo family.

The men behind this coup feared that under Bosch the republic would go Communist like nearby Cuba.

So Bosch has now been replaced by a coalition under Dr. Emilio de los Santos and hundreds of Bosch supporters are in jail.

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THIS WIDE WORLD

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Lyon. Les amateurs de langoustes et de homards se réjouissent d'apprendre la création à Lyon d'un parc à crustacés.

Unique en France, cette installation est constituée par treize bacs remplis d'eau de mer, cinquante mille litres amenés par camion-citerne de La Ciotat. C'est donc dans leur élément que séjournent vivants langoustes, homards, crabes, araignées de mer, etc., jusqu'au moment où la fatale épuisette vient les pêcher pour les livrer aux gourmets.

D'autre part, la nouvelle installation comporte neuf bacs d'eau douce dans lesquels se conservent, également vivants, truites, brochets, anguilles, etc.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers to be the best translation received by Wednesday, 23rd October. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 28th September winner: Christine Grimsley, 41 Reservoir Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.



THE "MOUSE"

This is Musa, a 300lb. pet belonging to 14-year-old John Bentley, who lives in Kenya. He was found in the bush by a game ranger after his mother had been shot by poachers. Musa means "little mouse."

STAYING WITH THE MARINES

While making a parachute jump, an American Marine sergeant fell on to a 12,000-volt electric power cable. He escaped alive, but his left leg was so badly burned it had to be amputated just below the knee.

After six months in hospital he was fitted with an artificial leg. He was now eligible for a good pension, but he persuaded the authorities to let him stay in the Marines.

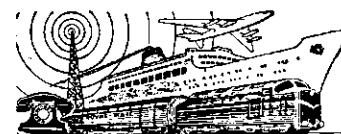
To return to his old Company, he was obliged to pass the usual fitness tests. These included dashing 50 yards carrying another Marine across his shoulders (a "casualty"); running three miles in 36 minutes; climbing a 20-foot rope; and scrambling over an obstacle course. He did it all, and then faced the last test—the parachute jump.

Strapping on his "tin leg" and his parachute, he entered a helicopter and jumped from a height of 1,250 feet. This time he skillfully manipulated the parachute shrouds and made a perfect landing.

TEACHING MUM TO READ

Spain is to start a big campaign this month to teach her three million illiterates (mostly women) over the age of ten to read and write. Five thousand new teachers have been recruited. Under the new regulations all Spaniards will have to complete primary school studies. Firms employing workers who cannot read or write will be required to give them time off to learn.

BRIEFLY...



Wild Boars near Paris

Two wild boars collided with vehicles and were killed outside a hospital only 12 miles from Paris. The patients had pork on the menu for several days afterwards.

To stop Canadian beaches being fouled by oil from ships, and seabirds from being killed by it, helicopters are keeping a look-out for vessels discharging oil within 100 miles of the coast.

Sausage certificates

Sausages should have birth certificates, said a New Zealand judge, on hearing that some companies kept theirs in deep freeze for two months.

Four fishing ports are to be built on the Kariba lake in Rhodesia. The annual catch is expected to reach 14,000 tons.

An Australian flying doctor recently flew 680 miles through the smoke of bush fires to bring a woman to hospital.

"Arctic" Strawberries

A fine crop of strawberries has been produced at Inuvik, 120 miles north of the Arctic Circle, where the subsoil is permanently frozen to a depth of 150 feet. The plants are protected in winter by brushwood and snow.

A relay station costing nearly £2,000,000 is to be built by the B B C on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.

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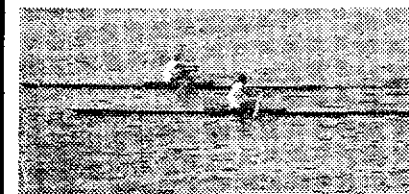
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Coming Events

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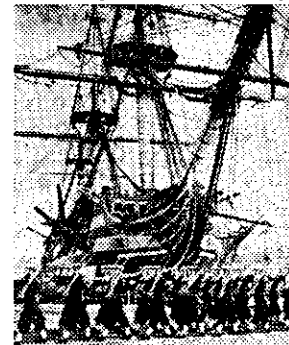
WEYBRIDGE: Sculling enthusiasts will be gathering here on the 19th October and at **CHESTER** on the 26th to watch some hard-fought events



OXFORD: The All Blacks meet Oxford University for the first match of their rugby tour on 23rd October. The New Zealanders always start with a Maori war dance



PORTSMOUTH AND LONDON: Trafalgar Day, 21st October, celebrates Britain's greatest naval victory (1805) with ceremonies aboard Victory at Portsmouth and in Trafalgar Square, London



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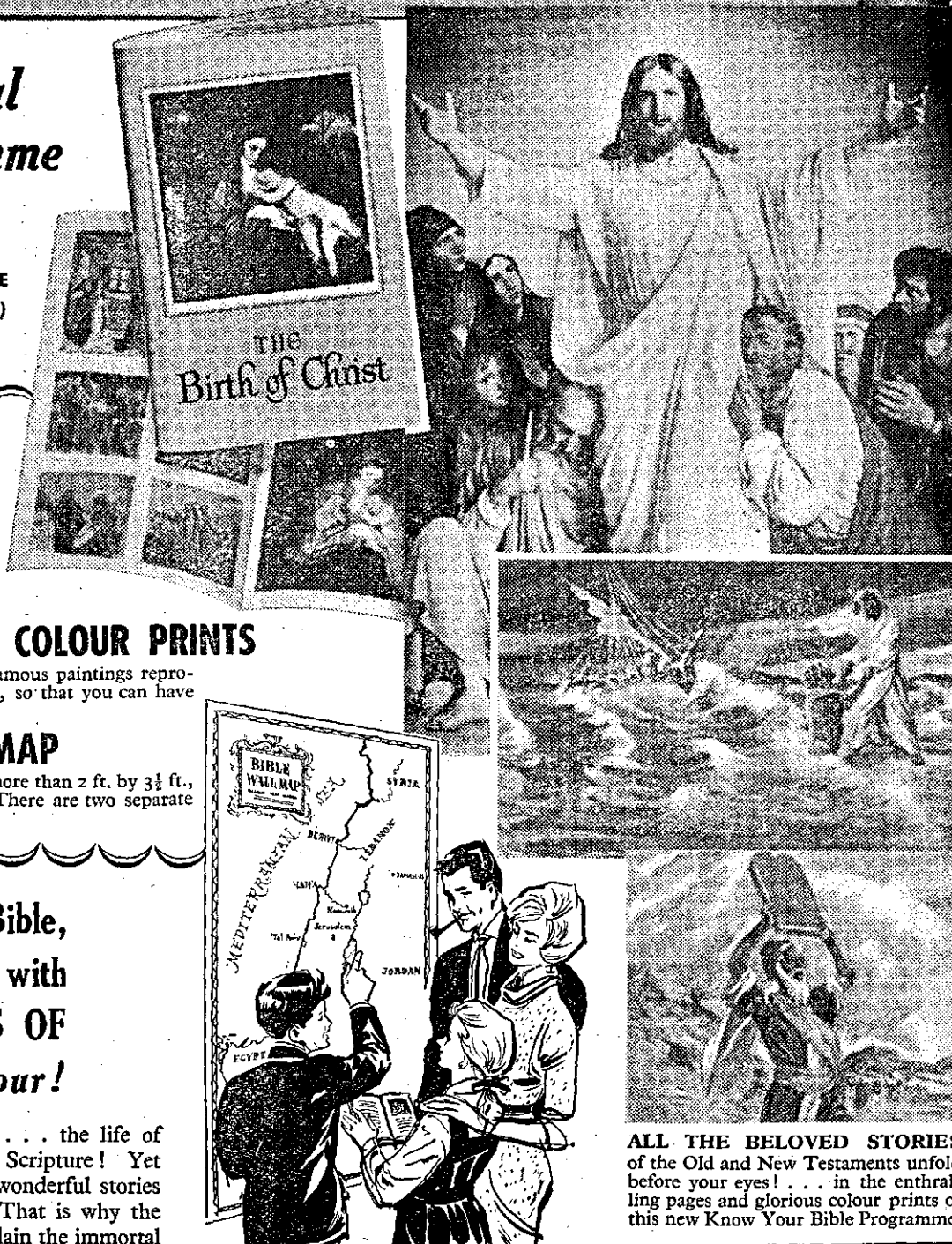
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HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

WHAT IS A POLITICAL PARTY?

There has been a lot in the Press in the past few weeks about the annual conferences of the political parties. Within the next year there will be a General Election, and the parties will be trying to get people to vote for them. So, for the next few weeks, we will take a look at the various parties.

There are three main political parties in Britain. The one in power at the moment is the Conservative Party. They, and their leader, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, have as their biggest rival the Labour Party, led by Mr. Harold Wilson. Then there is the Liberal Party, led by Mr. Jo Grimond.

A political party is a group of people who are agreed on certain ideas as to how the country should be run. What a party says it would do if it were the Government is called its *policy*.

Different people have different ideas, and therefore different political parties have grown up. People support and vote for the

party with whose views they agree.

There must be a General Election next year because by law there must be one at least every five years, and the last one was in 1959.

The United Kingdom is divided into 630 areas, called constituencies, and each constituency chooses one candidate for Parliament. After the Election the party with the largest number of successful candidates is said to have "won the Election" and takes over the Government, with its leader as Prime Minister. The MPs of other parties are called the Opposition, and the leader of the biggest Opposition Party is called the Leader of the Opposition.

Imagine what would happen if there were no political parties. Instead of perhaps two or three candidates (each representing one of the main parties) in each constituency, there might be hundreds of people seeking election independently—and what confusion that would cause! Also, when the Election was over, the 630 independent MPs would find it almost impossible to agree on anything, because they would all have different views and ideas.

Next week:

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY



The announcement of a General Election is headline news

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



ANIMALS AND THE SUN

The Sun is a powerful factor in plant and animal life. Apart from the warmth of its rays, it gives light, without which most plants would be unable to manufacture much of their nourishment.

Animals, too, benefit from sunlight—even some which one would not expect to be sun-lovers. Badgers will at times take out their cubs in daylight and let them bask for a while, though, as you know, badgers are really nocturnal creatures.

I have also seen otters lying on their backs exposing their tummies to the Sun.

Ruffled plumage

Birds can sometimes be observed having a kind of sun-bath; they squat on the ground with their plumage ruffled and their wings spread. A little of this, however, goes a long way, and a cage-bird which is put out into the sun should have one corner of the cage in the shade.

Certain frogs—the Marsh Frogs for example—sit on the banks of the dykes on Romney Marsh in Kent, which is where they are to be found. But these frogs never go far from water, and so, if their

skins begin to lose moisture, they are able to jump in and get them wet again.

Most people think of lizards and



Marsh frog "sunning" itself
Eric Hosking

snakes as being creatures that love to lie out in the Sun; and so they do up to a point. They have their special times and places, though. They do not like the hottest time of the day, preferring the sunlight of the early forenoon,

or the evening, for a long bask. They also lie in places where they can get into the shade quickly if it becomes too hot. It is quite possible that lizards kept in captivity will die if they are without some retreat from temperatures that are too high for them.

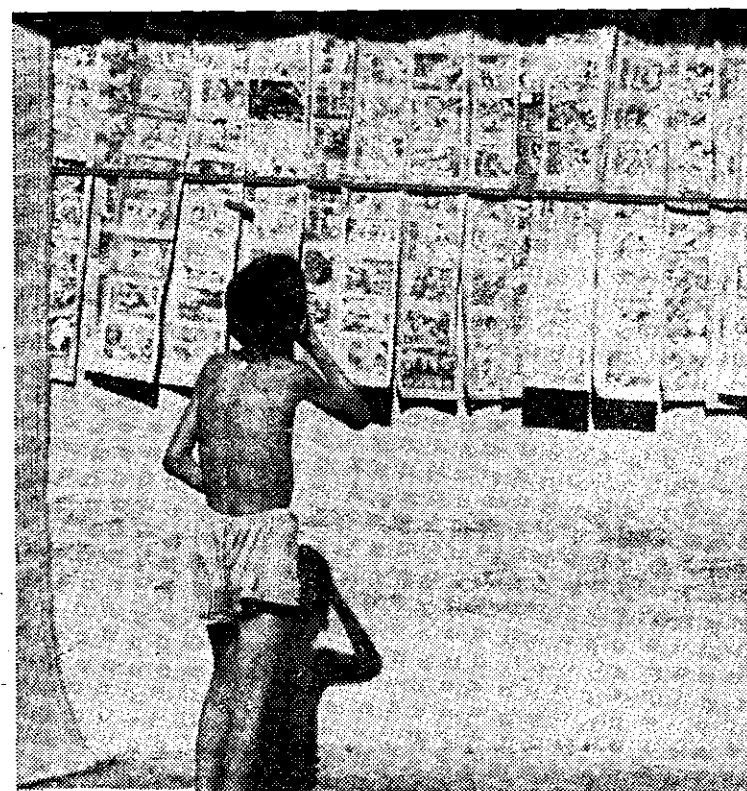
Watch your pet tortoise; it must have a fair degree of heat if it is

by

Maxwell Knight

to be able to feed. But if the weather is very hot, you will find that it seeks some shade. Tortoises don't like being cooked, even if they do come from really hot climates.

Of course, some creatures dislike the Sun. The humble earthworm is a good example. If the soil becomes really dry, worms tunnel deeper where it is cooler and more moist; and in a period of genuine drought you may find them, if you dig, coiled up—occasionally in numbers. This is so that they can conserve the moisture in their skins; without this they cannot exist.



Chinese schoolboy at his local lending library. A new school is opened about every two weeks.



Refugees have to live like this at first. They are put into modern flats as fast as possible.



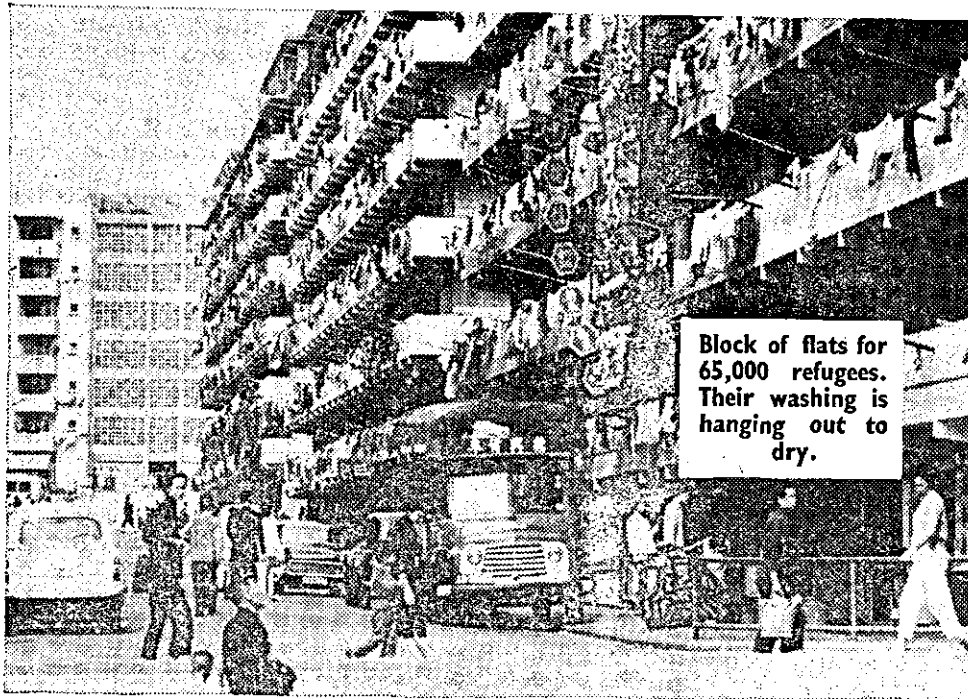
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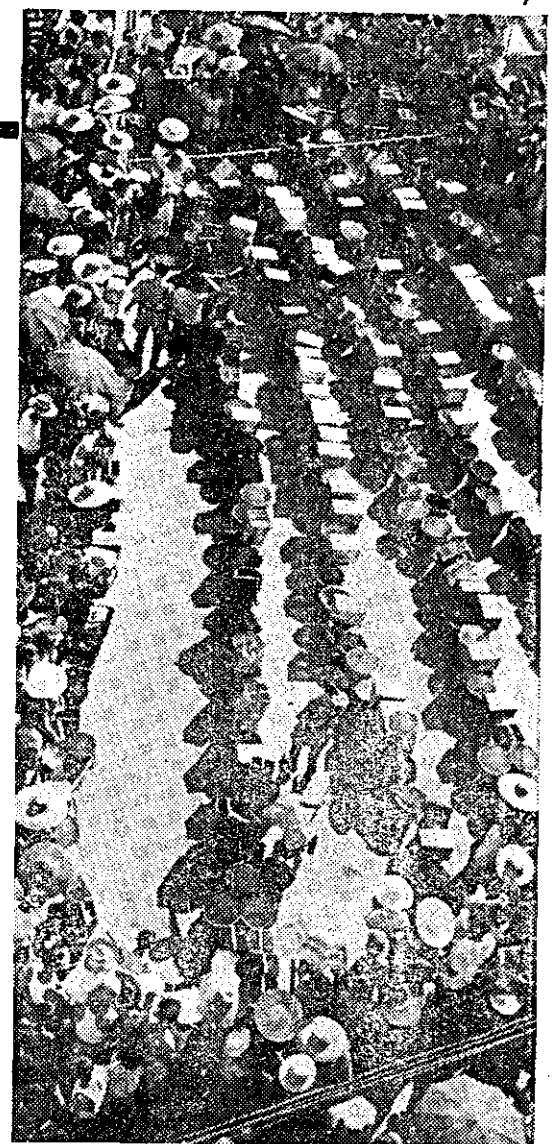


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It's biggest problem—how to house and care for thousands of refugees from Communist China



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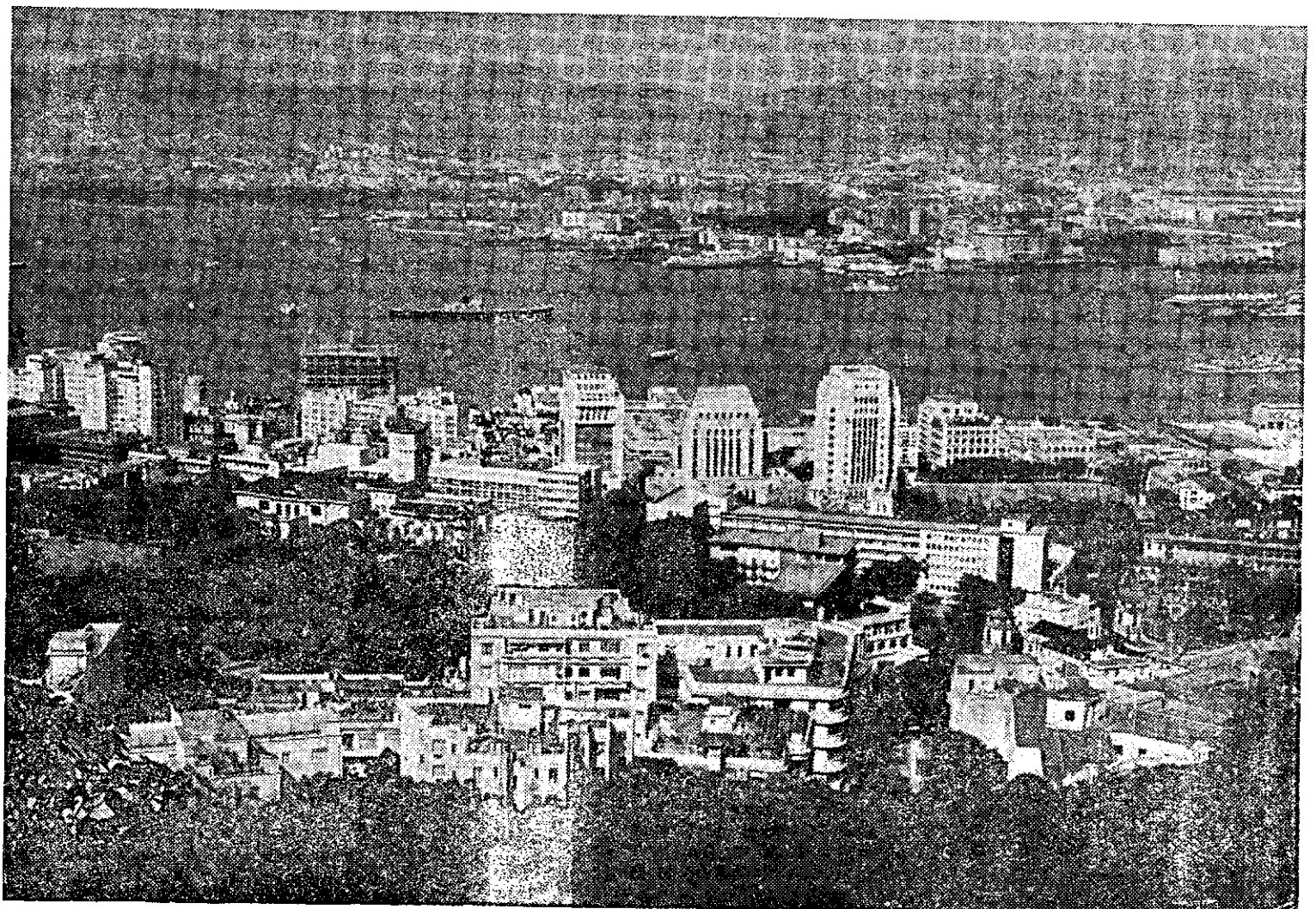


Hong Kong hair-styles.

Roof-top school on a resettlement estate. School population is over 750,000.

Classroom becomes dining room for the mid-day meal of rice and vegetables.

Business section of Victoria, on Hong Kong Island, looking across to Kowloon, the colony's other city, on the mainland.





SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

THIS week I've included two items about fund raising for the Freedom From Hunger campaign. The first was one girl's idea, the other a school's collective effort. As you will see, the amounts raised differ considerably, but the fact that they were helping countless unknown persons by giving time and effort in so many different ways is something of which every individual helper can feel proud.

ONE GIRL'S IDEA

A NOTICE asking for clothes for the Freedom From Hunger campaign gave 14-year-old Susan Parker of Romford, Essex, an idea. With four schoolfriends she held sewing sessions at her home, and within a month the girls had made dozens of articles which they sold from a stall set up in Susan's front garden. Altogether they raised nearly £8 and had a lot of fun, too, as you can see from the photo below.



SISTERS



"It's the bread pudding I made at school!"

IF IT WERE YOU . . .

would you choose to be a film star or a maths teacher? Mlle. Mugnette Fabris, voted "Miss France 1963," was offered an important part in a film but turned it down in favour of a job as a maths teacher at a school at Loudun (in central France). As for entering the "Miss World" contest in London next month? "Impossible," Mugnette said at first. But now she has been given time off to compete.

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SCHOOL EFFORT

DURING the past seven months, girls of South Shields Grammar School have been doing housework, polishing shoes, washing cars, holding concerts, making and selling cakes and toffees and organising treasure hunts to raise money for the Freedom From Hunger campaign.

The result of all their hard work is the grand total of £500—the largest single donation to the campaign made by South Shields.

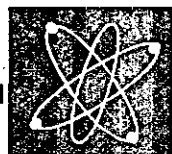
Said their headmistress: "The girls have always been very generous as far as other people's woes are concerned. They have worked extremely hard."



Woollen pinafore dress in the St. Michael's range by Marks & Spencer.

Vicky

SCIENCE SURVEY SPACE-AGE BALLOONS



AIR travel has come a long way since the first balloon flight by a Frenchman, Jean Francois Pilâtre de Rozier, in 1783. The crowds who gazed in open-mouthed wonder as his large gas-filled balloon rose ponderously into the air were seeing a wonder of the age.

Many times more wonderful, but hardly likely to cause more than a ripple of excitement among modern-day spectators, will be the new "Concord." This supersonic aircraft, now being developed by Britain and France, will travel at about twice the speed of sound, whining through the air at a height of 40,000 feet, from London to New York in about three hours from take-off to landing.

Faster!

It will put America on our doorstep! But, thrilling though this is, the "Concord" represents only one step in the progress of air travel. Still faster and better aeroplanes will surely follow; yet it was the first balloon that opened up the skies to man.

And despite the tremendous advance of aeroplanes, balloons have not been completely outdated.

In America, a large V-shaped balloon, 80 feet wide at its broadest point, has been designed to form what is called a "sky hook." This balloon will soar to a height of 1,800 feet above its moorings, and to it will be attached scientific instruments to



The large V-shaped balloon which will be a "sky hook"

record wind speeds, changes in air pressure, warmth, wetness, and many other matters, including the strength of atomic radiation.

Britain was glad of balloons during the war, when London and other large cities were encircled by what looked like floating, grey ghosts in smoky skies. These barrage balloons deterred bombing

planes from coming in too low and dropping their bombs accurately on Britain.

A modern use for two of these balloons was found by a British firm making an expensive refrigerator for the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science.

This firm needed to use a great deal of helium gas to test the new refrigerator. These balloons, bought for £10 each from the Government, became ideal storage vessels for the helium, saving the considerable expense of a permanent storage tank.

Vertical take-off

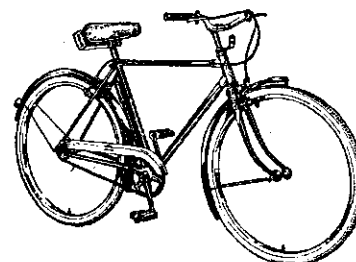
In the air, a balloon is slow and difficult to navigate. But it has, for all its simplicity, one of the assets which engineers are still trying to build into modern aircraft—vertical take-off. It can rise directly into the air, whereas jet aircraft must use a long runway to build up their take-off speed. A balloon can also hover and, unlike a helicopter, it does not need power to keep its position. This makes balloons valuable for weather forecasting, for they can rise to great heights carrying weather instruments.

Balloons may not have made much progress in 200 years, but even in this advanced age of air travel they still have a place in the skies.

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Immediately after the ceremony Petruchio tells their friends—"Gentlemen, we dismiss you." "Going already?" says Baptista in amazement. "Oh do stay," beg the others. Katharina to everyone's surprise says meekly, "I also beg you to stay." "Now I'm a happy man," says her husband. "Happy to stay and happy that my Katharinella should want and beg me to stay!" His mocking tone of voice causes much dismay among the others, which Katharina resents.



Immediately she flares up at Petruchio and shouts, "If you don't want to stay, then go, for all I care! Come, friends. Come and enjoy the wedding breakfast." Petruchio agrees. "Obey the bride, of course, and enjoy yourselves; all but my Kate, for she must follow her husband!" Flourishing his blunt-ended sword he draws Kate close to his side telling her, "Don't worry, my love. No-one shall take you from me!" And off they go, Katharina speechless with rage.



While their guests go off to enjoy the feast, Petruchio's servant brings his master's horse to the door. Katharina is horrified when she sees the broken-down old nag, sagging saddle and lumpy cushion tied at the rear. But Petruchio pretends not to notice anything strange and in answer to Kate's infuriated shout, "How far do you think this old nag will get us?" he calmly tells her, "It's a beautiful horse. Wait till it starts to gallop, then you'll see!"



So they start their homeward journey on the back of the poor broken-down beast which does everything it can to unseat the two riders. First it bucks, then trots, then stops very suddenly, but it hasn't really the strength to shake off its double burden. Finally it tries to gallop, which makes Katharina feel as though all the bones in her body are broken. Pretending not to see her discomfort, Petruchio says, "You will be happy, Kate, my Kate, I know you will."



"Just a few more hours and we'll be home," he tells his wife as he spurs the horse on. But Katharina, angry, humiliated and distressed by his now ungallant treatment, is trying not to cry and answers scornfully, "What a way to take home a wife! Ladies always travel in carriages—especially on their wedding day." Petruchio stops the horse so suddenly that Katharina almost falls off. "But you didn't tell me you wanted a carriage," he protests.

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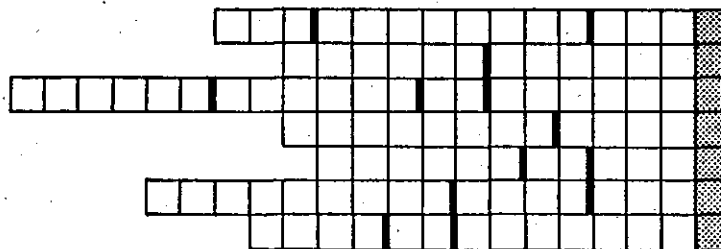
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PICK A PUZZLE**SQUARE ABBREVIATIONS**

Below are given some well-known abbreviations. Do you know what they mean? If so, can you spell out the words they stand for in the squares in such a way that the last letters will, when read downwards, spell the name of a famous battle?

COD; GMT; HMS; MA; QC; USA; VC.

ODD ONE OUT

Here are the names of five well-known creatures of the sea. But one is out of place among its companions. Which—and why?

BASS, PLAICE, SHARK, WHALE, MACKEREL.

ONE FROM FIVE

The name of a food or drink is hidden in each of the following sentences. Can you find all five?

We shall meet Harry and Tom at one o'clock.

It was a macabre advertisement for a film.

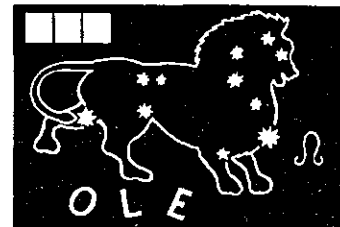
"You must decide, Reg, what the next stage will be."

In Ceylon I once met a prince. Jim loves trains but Terry prefers cars.

SIGN OF THE ZODIAC

Here is one of the 12 Signs of the Zodiac, which in astronomy is a belt of the sky containing the apparent paths of the Sun, Moon, and chief planets.

The letters have been jumbled, but you should be able to write them down in the squares to spell the name of this sign.



Answers to puzzle are on page 12

WORLD OF STAMPS**DUTCH PUZZLE**

Collectors are sometimes puzzled when they come across old stamps bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria and the inscription "Van Diemen's Land." A catalogue is no help, for Van Diemen's Land is not listed in it.

Anthony Van Diemen was a 17th-century Dutch explorer who became governor-general of the Dutch East Indies. In 1642 he sent another Dutch sea-captain, Abel Tasman, on a voyage of discovery.

About 150 miles off the south-east coast of Australia, Tasman

by C. W. Hill

discovered a large island which he named Van Diemen's Land. The island was eventually claimed by Britain, and 50 years later the colony issued its first postage stamps. Soon afterwards its name was changed from Van Diemen's Land to Tasmania, in honour of the original discoverer.

In 1901 Tasmania united with the other Australian States to form the Commonwealth of Australia, and it now uses ordinary Australian stamps.

In 1953 a special series was issued to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first settlements. Pictured here is a 3d. value portraying Lieutenant-Governor Collins, one of the expedition's leaders.

Another stamp, the 2s. value, also pictured here, shows the arrival of Governor Collins at the

spot where Hobart Town was founded.

Also in 1953, the Australian Post Office issued a special 3d. stamp to mark the centenary of the first stamps of Van Diemen's Land. The commemorative issue, which is pictured here, reproduces a stamp of 1853.

The cheapest of the 1853 issues is now catalogued at £1, while the most expensive are worth up to £250.

Soon the Australian Post Office will be issuing several new stamps portraying famous explorers who made voyages in Australian waters. The new 4s. value, seen here, will have a fine portrait of Abel Tasman.



A CASTLE FOR THE KOPCHEKS

C N's fiction story

Mama, Brad, Sandor and I (I'm Sondra Kopchek) left Europe after father died, and came to live at Chadhaven.

Our neighbours, the Cranstones, with the exception of Sheila Cranstone, made us feel unwanted. Then came anonymous letters, mud daubings on our house and a meeting of the townsfolk, led by Mr. Cranstone, to try to turn us out of our home.

Because of that meeting, and because of us, Sheila angered her father, and all we could do was hope for a chance to help put things right...

7. Brad Solves a Mystery

THE next morning there was yet another letter. Again it was composed of words and letters cut from newspapers. It said: "Still here? Go now before it is too late."

Mama sighed. "Another visit to the police station for me."

Suddenly Brad, who had been holding the sheet of paper up to the light to see if it was the same cheap brand as before, gave an exclamation.

"Mama—Sondra—look! See that red mark that seems to be between the stuck-on newspaper and the notepaper?"

Then he hurried into the kitchen. The kettle for tea was already on and, when it began to steam, he held the letter over it, and then peeled off a small piece of newspaper. And there, underneath, was "3W" written in red by a ball-point pen.

My brother's face was pink with excitement; his hands as he held the two pieces of paper trembled.

"We've got 'em! Now we can soon find out who has been sending the letters."

"How? What do you mean, Brad?" Mama's voice was excited, too.

Brad took a deep breath. "Last week—Wednesday, it was—Mrs. Poplin hadn't finished numbering the papers. You know, Sondra—she pencils the number of the house—or the name—and the first or first and second letter of the road it's in, on the paper to be delivered there. Well, on Wednesday morning she hadn't finished when I arrived. So she tossed me the Wellow Road book—and I did those, and I wrote the figures and the road initial with my red ball-point. That's my writing—and the newspaper from which that word 'here' was cut, was delivered by me to Number Three Wellow Road!"

"Oh, Brad!" I exclaimed. "After breakfast you and I will go to the police, Mister Detective Kopchek," said Mama, a large smile brightening her pretty face.

MAMA and Brad left immediately after breakfast, and soon after, as I hurried to the gate, I heard the front door of the Cranstone house slam shut and feet crunched on the unseen gravel path.

And then I heard Mr. Cranstone's voice—hard and cold it sounded—say: "And since you're so concerned about them, why not go and live with them, and be one of them? That's what you seem to want. We appear to count for nothing."

Philip Cranstone's voice said: "Yes—why don't you do that? I daresay we could manage."

I saw Mr. Cranstone's car in the road by their gate, and now heard the sound of bicycle wheels on the gravel. I slowed my pace, biting my lip—not because I was afraid

of either of them seeing me, but because I was afraid of what I might say to them. Then, when they had gone, I joined Sheila at the gate. Her face was white and strained. I went to her and kissed her, and then put my arm through hers, and we walked to school together. We said nothing. Just then there was nothing that could be said.

TWO emotions battled in me all that morning—excitement over Brad's discovery, and sadness for Sheila. As the day wore on I learned that Miss Slant, having realised she had burnt her boats, accepted the suspension imposed on her by Dr. Haisman, and soon afterwards took a post elsewhere.

The following eight or nine days are now all a jumble to me—so many things happened.

First was that Sheila left home. I have never known what incident finally made her take such a step and Mama tortured herself for days about it. Sheila packed a bag one evening and just moved out, cycling to her grandmother, who lived on the outskirts of the town.

And then one evening Mama came home from working at the Hall and told us she had been given notice. We found out later that Mr. Cranstone had used his influence to bring this about, and it seemed that all our troubles had now resolved themselves into a

by
James Stagg

feud between the Kopcheks and the Cranstones.

Although she didn't show it, I could tell that the loss of her job was worrying Mama, and when she wasn't working at the Hall during the last week, she was looking for another job.

I CAN'T remember how many days it was after Mama and Brad had gone to the police, when Dr. Haisman and the Inspector, whose name was Shute, came to see us one evening to tell us that the writer of the anonymous letters had been discovered.

"It was a boy named Arthur Stevens," said Mr. Shute.

"One of Phil Cranstone's clique," said Brad, as if he had suspected it all along.

"Young Stevens is a very promising scholar," said Dr. Haisman. "He's no good at sports, and because of this, his position in the Cranstone clique—as Brad calls it—is a very lowly one. He just wanted to make an impression on his friends—to build a reputation as a dare-devil. He was going to let his friends know that he was the hero who had carried out this mysterious vendetta."

Dr. Haisman smiled at Mama. "Arthur Stevens is a very frightened boy at the moment. He



"This is Arthur Stevens," said the Inspector. "I think he has something to say to you."

is also a very intelligent boy," he went on, "and he realises the sadness and the worry he has caused."

"Of course," Mama's voice was soft. "Must he be charged? He's only a child," she added, looking at Brad, and obviously putting herself in Arthur Stevens's mother's place. "Can't we forget about the whole thing? The boy's suffered enough."

Dr. Haisman nodded. "I knew you'd feel that way," he said.

Inspector Shute said: "Strictly speaking—in regard to the charge of misusing the Post—the police must take action. But, I think in this case justice will have been served if we take no further action." He smiled and added, "Even if a slightly blind eye has been turned to the letter of the law."

He and Dr. Haisman looked at each other briefly. Then Inspector Shute left the room.

Within two minutes he was back again, accompanied by a boy of about fifteen.

"THIS is Arthur Stevens, Mrs. Kopchek," said the Inspector. "I think he has something to say to you."

The boy looked at Mama and then fixed his eyes to a spot on the carpet, and began to speak.

I didn't hear what he was saying, because my mind was full of wonder and love for Mama, and the compassion she was able to show immediately to someone who had hurt her cruelly.

And while these thoughts were surging in my mind, I looked at Dr. Haisman and saw he was watching Mama as she listened to Arthur Stevens. It struck me then that his face, as he watched Mama, was reflecting my feelings, and somehow I wasn't in the least surprised. Just a warm glow came over me, and I sat hugging my discovery close to myself, so that I was only vaguely aware of Arthur Stevens leaving the room, accompanied by Brad.

Inspector Shute watched the door close after them, and breathed out deeply.

"Well, that's that," he said. "I think we can call it settled, so I'll be off. Can I drop you, Doctor?"

Dr. Haisman looked at Mama briefly, and then said: "No thank you, Mr. Shute. It's—er—a lovely evening. I think I would like to walk home."

We saw the Inspector off, and then Brad came back from seeing Arthur Stevens part of the way

home, and he and I went and sat on the marsh wall. We could see Mama and Dr. Haisman as they sat talking on the settee in the french windows with the light behind them.

Brad and I looked at each other. Brad said: "Next to father, I think Dr. Haisman is the greatest, don't you, Sondra?"

"Yes, I do. And if it wasn't for the Cranstones—except Sheila—wouldn't everything be wonderful for the Kopcheks?"

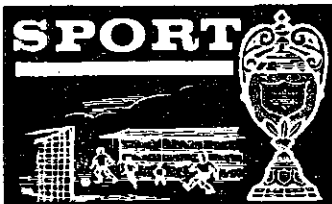
WHEN Mr. Slater heard that Mama had lost her job, he came round one evening, quite indignant because she had not sought his help.

"I've got a vacancy for a day receptionist," he said. "Here have I been worrying myself sick over getting someone suitable in time for the big rush—and you were available all the time!"

So Mama went to work for Mr. Slater. It was a more pleasant job, and she got more money for doing it.

It was a wonderful summer. Only the cold, silent enmity of our neighbours remained. It was too close to be ignored and forgotten, for Sheila, still living with her

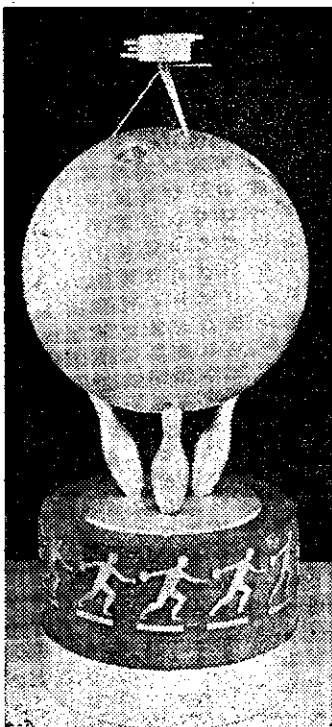
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TV TENPINS

THE first match in the International Tenpin Bowling Tournament (briefly mentioned in our issue dated 5th October) is to be played at the Top Rank Bowl, Leeds, on Saturday.

It will be between a British and a French bowler, and the game can be seen on ABC Television



Silver trophy for the champion

and ATV at 1.20 p.m. There will be a match every Saturday afternoon for the next three months.

In addition to the cash prizes and medals for successful competitors, there will be £1,000 for the first bowler to roll the maximum score of 300.

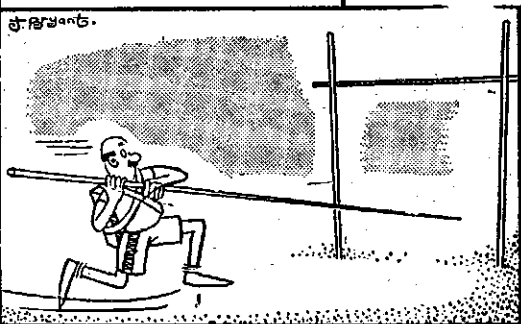
THE "ASHES" OF RUGBY

RUGBY LEAGUE football stages its first big match of the season this Wednesday evening, when Great Britain meets Australia at Wembley Stadium in the First Test match.

The tourists arrived in Britain a few weeks ago, with a full programme of 22 club games and three Test matches ahead of them. Great Britain holds the Rugby League "Ashes" and many feel they can be retained against this eleventh Australian side to tour Britain.

Not since the 1911-12 season has a touring side won a series in Britain.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



100 YEARS OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE English Football Association is a hundred years old. It was founded by a handful of clubs on 26th October, 1863; now the FA is the governing body over more than 30,000 clubs.

First of the events to mark the centenary is a match between England and an eleven representing FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) at Wembley on Wednesday next, 23rd October.

The game must be regarded as the "Match of the Century," for



FA Centenary crest

England will face what is virtually a World XI, made up of the finest players anywhere outside England.

As long ago as last March, 29 players were chosen as possibles for the FIFA team. From the Home Countries there were three Scots—Jim Baxter (Rangers), and Denis Law and Pat Crerand (Manchester United); and there were Cliff Jones (Wales and Spurs), and Alex Elder (Northern Ireland and Burnley). There were the best from the Continent and from South America—Masopust (Czechoslovakia); Sivori (Italy); Eusebio (Portugal); Carbajal (Mexico); and Pele and Garrincha (Brazil)—to mention only a few.

A couple of weeks ago, 18 were chosen for the FIFA side. Next Wednesday, only eleven of them can be on the field at one time. And what they would be worth in transfer fees . . . !

Last season England appeared to have settled down into a fine,



England team manager, Alf Ramsey

strong side. Team manager Alf Ramsey must be eager indeed to see how his team will perform against the pick of the world.



I HAVE enjoyed writing this fishing column, and answering your letters. By now you should know something about the basic skills of the game—though, remember, these alone cannot make a good fisherman.

Many people may watch you fishing at some time or another, and it's more than likely that you'll find it hard to concentrate. Remain calm and be friendly, for you never know who's watching you. One of your spectators could be a land or water owner who, once he's sized you up, may

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by Harvey Torbett

invite you to test your skill on his property.

If you do receive an invitation, be prepared for exciting sport, for water on private land is likely to be rarely fished and, consequently, may contain whoppers!

Anglers like plenty of room when fishing, so, whenever possible, give the other chap at least 20 yards. He may be able to pass on some useful local tips, and he's far more likely to do so if he enjoys your courtesy.

If you've fished a river or lake that's used by boats, you'll know how annoying it is to have your tackle swept into the bank or even smashed. But remember that, while you're tucking yourself down on the bank to hide from the fish, you're also hiding from the boatman's view. So if boats get too close for comfort, move your rod or stand up enough to show yourself.

A most important point is that you should always glance behind you before casting. There may be someone passing, and he certainly won't appreciate an angler who whisks a hook within a few inches of his face!

Now it's time to say goodbye. I wish you good luck with your fishing. I know you will get lots of pleasure from it, whether you hook whoppers or not! And if you should spot me on the bank, come up and say hello. I will certainly be glad to meet you.

A CASTLE FOR THE KOPCHEKS

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grandmother, was an ever-present reminder that the family was divided because of us.

Sheila spent every Sunday with us. She said nothing about her father or Phil, and I wondered how long this separation would have to go on.

I think perhaps the days of most delight were those three or four Sundays we spent on Dr. Haisman's boat.

The first occasion on which Mama told us we had been invited to spend the day with Dr. Haisman, was pretty awesome. We knew him as a friend who had helped us. But he was, after all, our Headmaster, too—an Olympian figure whose word was law. But as soon as he arrived in his car to collect us all I knew it was going to be a wonderful day.

THAT day, and the others we had on the boat, were red-letter ones. And there was one other Sunday that stands out in my memory—the day of Chunkhead's picnic. Actually it was Sandor's and his friend's, Chunkhead as he was called. But the way it turned out, it belonged to little Chunkhead.

One Sunday morning when Chunkhead was to be one of the party for the day, Mama received a deputation consisting of two small boys with an idea for a very special picnic arranged and paid for by themselves.

It was obviously something very close to both their hearts,

something which at this moment of their young lives was more important than anything else. It was written all over their faces and was in every line of their tense young bodies.

Mama smiled at them. "I think it's a lovely idea. We'd all love to come." At the end of the week, Sandor handed us all folded bits of paper, slightly finger-worn. I had two, one of which I was to pass on to Sheila. The notes all read: "A picknick will be held at a secret place on Sunday all day. You are invited to attend. R.I.P. if you cannot come. Signed: S. Kopchek. G. Keeping."

Brad whispered: "Do they mean us to Rest in Peace if we can't attend?"

"Be quiet," I whispered back. "You know very well they mean R.S.V.P."

It was all very serious, and none of us smiled. Sandor said: "It will be good for you, Mama. You won't have to get any food or do anything, or work or anything."

"That's wonderful, darling. But where is this secret place?"

"If I told you it wouldn't be secret," Sandor answered with cold logic. "But it's not far. I shall be guiding you to it. You'll be quite safe."

ALL day Saturday Sandor was absent. "Making arrangements," he said . . .

To be continued

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CORRECTION

We wish to draw our readers' attention to a mistake in the Enfield Cycle Company's advertisement which appeared in the issue dated 5th October. The address should be The Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd., Redditch, Worcs, not Yorks.

We regret any delay our readers may experience in the receipt of brochures from this advertiser.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle (P. 2): ACROSS: 1 Question. 5 Wilt. 7 Autumn. 9 Target. 10 Romeo. 11 Origin. 13 Don. 14 Lodger. 17 Abrupt. 20 Ail. 21 Medium. 22 Alpha. 24 Outfit. 25 Charge. 27 Iron. 28 Clemency. DOWN: 1 Quarrel. 2 Sou. 3 Iona. 4 National. 5 Warrior. 6 Titan. 8 Timid. 12 Imp. 13 Dramatic. 15 One. 16 Griffon. 18 Upper. 19 Tragedy. 21 Maori. 23 Acre. 26 Ace.

(P. 10): Square Abbreviations:

Her Majesty's Ship
Queen's Counsel
United States of America
Victoria Cross
Master of ArtS
Greenwich Mean Time
Cash on Delivery

One From Five: Tomato; Bread; Cider; Onion; Butter. Odd One Out: The whale—a mammal. The others are fish. Sign of the Zodiac: Leo the Lion. Add Half to Complete the Pair: 1 Gog and Magog—Mythical giants; 2 David and Goliath—Biblical characters; 3 Gilbert and Sullivan—writers of light opera; 4 Hengist and Horsa—Anglo-Saxon chiefs and kings in Kent; 5 Cain and Abel—the sons of Adam and Eve; 6 Tweedledum and Tweedledee—characters in Alice in Wonderland; 7 Rodgers and Hammerstein—writers of musical shows.

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